

NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Thursday 28th March 2013

PRESENT: Cllr Wellman (Vice Chair) Cllr N Blades, Cllr Mrs V Hewer, Cllr Carol Davies, Cllr B Hulcup, Cllr G Stock, Cllr Mrs L Roberts, Mrs C Crompton (Clerk), 3 members of the public.

35/13		<p>Public Question Time (2) - Standing Order 22 refers The Chairman shall have discretion to limit to twenty minutes the time set aside to receive statements from the public, and to limit to three minutes the time available for any one member of the public to deliver their statement.</p> <p>35.1/13 35.2/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerald Green has 4 issues to highlight. • Firstly – traffic lights are playing up again, they do not give enough time to cross. The last 6 weeks they have been fine but gone backwards again <p>Action 35.3/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to write to Highways again • Opposite the Wheatsheaf there has been a damaged culvert for almost 3 months. It is the subject of an insurance claim and that is preventing the work. <p>35.4/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover House is a listed building at risk and is in a terrible condition. We have written to the listed buildings and no response received as yet. Neil Fletcher has spoken to Bobby Fowler and an estate agent. <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk will check where Cllr Fletch is with this and to see what Cotswold District Council's response is <p>35.5/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline planning for Chequers. The problem is not the plans but the drainage. There is only a 6 inch pipe and it keeps getting blocked up. They drain it once a week at West end which must be costing a lot of money 	
36/13		<p>Apologies and Reasons for Absence Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Fisher, Cllr Rigby, Cllr Hancock, Cllr McKenzie</p>	Verbal
37/13		<p>Acceptance and signing of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th February 2013</p> <p>37.1/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes were resolved to be a true and accurate reflection of the meeting however one point needs amending <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk needs to amend 29.13 and get Chair to sign 	Attached
38/13		<p>Declaration of Interests</p> <p>38.1/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk explained that she has been fielding a few enquiries recently about Declaration of Interests <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to send out more information on this matter 	Verbal
39/13		<p>To Discuss any Matters Arising from the above Minutes not included on the Agenda</p> <p>39.1/13 39.2/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Point Update. • The rubbish behind Londis is tidier but resident's issues have been raised and they want to take it to Highways. Londis and Cllr Blades share the cost of 2 bins and Cllr Blades believes that it looks alright now. <p>Action 39.3/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Blades will discuss with Leigh further • Litter up All Alone is messy. <p>Action 39.4/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to check with CDC • Election and vacancy update. Clerk gave an update as election has been called and will take place on 2nd May <p>39.5/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for Annual Town Meeting <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to ask the following to speak - Farmington Trust, The Historical Society, Police, Cllr Hancock, Lawrence King, Bromford, KGV Trust, Cllr 	Attached

NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

		Hulcup re gas and Mr Barratt and if they would like to attend and be prepared to speak or share their views,	
40/13		County and District Councillors' Reports Cllr Hancock and Cllr Mackenzie were not available	Verbal
41/13		Police Report	Verbal
	41.1/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sgt Jones is leaving and is handing over to Sgt Smith and would like to thank the Council for their support. Brian Stagg and PC Brewer are still about which helps to build confidence as there is continuity and a good presence. 	
	41.2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The figures are pleasing crime is down 41 – 27 crimes which is a decrease of 34%. There was one spate of house burglaries and this has been repeated down the A40. Northleach never feature in the red list which indicates major issues. 	
	41.3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sgt Smith was welcomed by the Council. He has been doing the same community role in Cirencester. 	
	41.4/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hulcup asked if the previous months information could be shared in local communications 	
	41.5/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to forward crime figures to Community email lists and put in Parish Magazine 	
42/13		Finance - To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Finance, Funding and Grants Committee	Verbal
	42.1/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hewer gave an update on the last meeting. 	
	42.2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year we had £11k in the pot and this year we are looking at about £23k 	
	42.3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping the £15k in the Co-op for 6 months this time as the interest is much better 	
	42.4/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several donations were made Sue Ryder, Guides and Citizens Advice were awarded once we knew how much money was available. If its local community grants we do them throughout the year and if its donations then we consider those at the last finance meeting of the financial year 	
	42.5/13	To Approve Bills for Payment for March 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously resolved to pay the bills presented 	Circulate
	42.6/13	Financial statement including last quarters receipts, payments and budget status	To follow
	42.7/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No queries raised 	
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that a working group ids needed for the winter to minimise bills Clerk has added this to PPMC 	
43/13		Planning and Tree Works	
	43.1/13	To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree Town Council's response to Chequers proposal. This is not a planning application but we have been asked to consider it. Thames Water has said there is no issue but there clearly is. The system is totally overloaded and it only works as it is so low in the ground. 	Verbal
	43.2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hulcup gave an update on gas in Northleach. People will have to sign up and it costs a lot of money. This charge will not come down. There needs to be at least 150 households signing up and the charge remains the same no matter how many households do sign. 	
	43.3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chequers summary. It is a small footprint but with a number of houses. There is no elevation given and so our concerns are poor drainage and concerns over density and elevation. 	
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to respond to Savills who forwarded the information 	
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gerald Green will give the Clerk details of the Thames Water contact. 	
	43.4/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following applications were permitted - tree works in Fallows Road, 3 The Green was updated and Union Cottage 	

NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

	<p>43.5/13</p> <p>43.6/13</p> <p>43.7/13</p> <p>43.8/13</p> <p>Action</p> <p>43.9/13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West End application is still outstanding but Council agreed that it requires a qualified response as it is a technical matter QLM the Town Council have put in a summary report regarding this. Tudor House the Town Council have put in a summary report about this Cllr Hulcup expressed that we are not the experts but the Town Council agreed that all the opinions are valid even if laymen Clerk to pull off a listed buildings list from CDC, it's not just age it is also special features The Bolthole – a garage at the bottom of a garden of Guggle Lane. There has been outside concerns raised in regards this. We need to leave this to the technical people to decide. 	
44/13	44.1/13	<p>Property and Premises Maintenance Committee - To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Property and Premises Maintenance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on taking over the Market. It was agreed to do a small working group to deal with this via PPMC 	Verbal
45/13		Westwoods Committee	
	45.1/13	To Receive a Report from the Chairman of the Westwoods Committee	Verbal
	45.2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a potential disagreement between 2 users which was resolved. The issue was about the use of a screen. No real feedback regarding bridal website yet 	
46/13		Working Groups, Projects and Reports	
	46.1/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northleach Town Guide was previously done by fosse Lions but no longer able to. It is a useful guide, self-financing and should be done Clerk to see if Admin assistant can take this on 	Verbal
47/13		<p>Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman was not available 	Verbal
48/13	<p>48.1/13</p> <p>Action</p> <p>48.2/13</p> <p>48.3/13</p> <p>48.4/13</p> <p>48.5/13</p> <p>Action</p> <p>48.6/13</p> <p>Action</p> <p>48.7/13</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence in regarding suggestions for Northleach Market Clerk to pass these suggested rules to the working group Jacques Astic has no interest in the Market but wanted it noted that the stall holders has given money 3 or 4 times to various charity groups and did it again yesterday. At some point it was agreed that the market should be there and so that should be where it remains. Cllr Blades said that in the longer time the Town Council, should take it over, secondly the access around it needs to be clear and that's why the truck should not be there. In other markets the stall holders are not allowed large vehicles. The greengrocer runs it as no-one including the Town Council wanted to organise it. In the last few months he has been parked within the marked bays and so the issue of access is irrelevant. Cllr Hulcup asked how the traders decided who to give it to? Jacques got a call and was asked who to give it to. Clerk to send the rules to PPMC committee Correspondence in regarding position of bus stops. Email from Ian Ager regarding why the bus stop position has moved from the East End to Northleach Clerk to speak with GCC, bus companies and Cllr Hancock Various correspondences in regarding potential Nostle Road developments. Clerk explained that there has been a concern from residents of Nostle regarding potential developments 	<p>Circulated</p> <p>Circulated</p> <p>Circulated</p>
		Plus Any Other Urgent items received since publication of the agenda	
49/13	49.1/13	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Any other matters that any Councillor wishes to bring to the attention of the Council or agenda items for future meetings. Please note no Discussions or Decisions to be made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hulcup described the detail about how many people need to sign 	

NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

		<p>up if interested in gas in Northleach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was Highways money spent on kerbing at West End? We were not consulted on this and had no input. Some councillors feel that it was a waste of money but others feel that it has widened the road slightly and made the bank more secure. If consulted the Council would have suggested other areas needing attention instead. It is believed that it came from a separate budget 	
	49.2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hewer asked that people inform Clerk in advance if unable to attend meetings 	
	49.3/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Fletcher has some play equipment he no longer needs. Could it be of use in Playground, Ward Road or Westwoods? 	
	49.4/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to add to PPMC for discussion 	
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk raised an issue with Fletcher's Folly – people are slipping on it 	
	49.5/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hulcup to review it and feed back. 	
	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacques Astic asked why the rates had gone up so much and why there was not a referendum. 	
	49.6/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hewer explained the Precept had gone up by 15% which is about £10 per year extra for a d band house. CDC did not put theirs up but passed on lots of extra things to Town and parish council which they have to foot the bill for. There was not a requirement for a referendum. 	
	49.7/13		
50/13		Date and Time of Next Meeting – Annual Town Meeting on Thursday 25th April at 7pm	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm